

# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OFFICE

### MISSION

To eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity for all persons within the county through education.

### HISTORY

In 1991, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors authorized the creation of a Human Rights Study Committee to examine the need for a human rights commission based on growing diversity, population needs, and resources. After several meetings and public hearings, the Study Committee determined that a need for a Human Rights Ordinance and an agency to enforce it needed to exist. The Human Rights Ordinance would prohibit discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status or disability in employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit in Prince William County.

In Sept. 1992, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors established a Human Rights Ordinance, which created the Human Rights Commission to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life."

On Jan. 15, 1993, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors authorized the creation of a Human Rights Commission and the Commission Office opened to provide services.

Residents are encouraged to use its services if they feel their rights are being violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education, and public accommodation.

### WHAT WE DO

The primary job of the Human Rights Commission Office is to resolve charges brought to the attention of the Commission by residents who feel their rights were violated in the areas of:

- Employment
- Housing
- Credit
- Education
- Public Accommodation

On the basis of:

- Race
- Color
- Sex
- National Origin
- Age
- Status as a Veteran
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity
- Religion
- Disability
- Familial Status
- Source of Income
- Marital Status

### MEETINGS

Human Rights Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month and are open to the public.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IS THE LAW**  
**DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW**

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